

REISSUE PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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APPLICATION FOR REISSUE OF: (check applicable box)
 ☒ Utility Patent
 ☐ Design Patent
 ☐ Plant Patent

APPLICATION ELEMENTS (37 CFR 1.173)	ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS
1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/56) <i>(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing)</i>	10. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statement of status/support for all changes to the claims. See 37 CFR 1.173(c).
2. <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.	11. <input type="checkbox"/> Original U.S. Patent for surrender <input type="checkbox"/> Ribboned Original Patent Grant
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7. Original U.S. Patent currently assigned? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <i>(If Yes, check applicable box(es))</i>	15. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Preliminary Amendment
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REISSUE APPLICATION FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Claims as Filed – Part 1

Claims in Patent		Number Filed in Reissue Application	(3) Number Extra	Small Entity		or	Other than a Small Entity	
				Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
(A) 23	Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	(B) 23	**** 3 =	x \$	=		x \$ 18 =	54.00
(C) 2	Independent claims (37 CFR 1.16(i))	(D) 2	* 0 =	x \$	=		x \$ 86 =	0
Basic Fee (37 CFR 1.16(h))				\$				\$ 770.00
Total Filing Fee				\$			OR	\$ 824.00

Claims as Amended – Part 2

	(1) Claims Remaining After Amendment		(2) Highest No. Previously Paid For	(3) Extra Claims Present	Small Entity		or	Other than a Small Entity	
					Rate	Fee		Rate	Fee
Total Claims (37 CFR 1.16(j))	*** 62	MINUS	** 23	* = 39	x \$	=		x \$ 18	= 702.00
Independent claims 37 CFR 1.16(i)	*** 2	MINUS	***** 3	= 0	x \$	=		x \$ 86	= 0.00
Total Additional Fee					\$			OR	\$ 702.00

* If the entry in (D) is less than the entry in (C), Write "0" in column 3.

** If the "Highest Number of Total Claims Previously Paid For" is less than 20, Write "20" in this space.

*** After any cancellation of claims.

**** If "A" is greater than 20, use (B-A); if "A" is 20 or less, use (B-20).

***** "Highest Number of Independent Claims Previously Paid For" or Number of Independent Claims in Patent (C).

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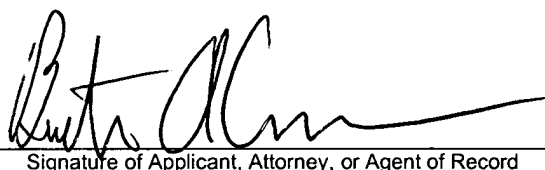
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Reissue Patent Application of:
Cyprian Emeka Uzoh et al.

Reissue Application No.: Not Yet Known
(U.S. Patent 6,297,140)

Group Art Unit: Not Yet Known

Filed: Concurrently Herewith
(October 2, 2001)

Examiner: Not Yet Known

STATUS OF CLAIMS AND SUPPORT FOR CLAIM CHANGES

MS REISSUE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

1. The Status of the claim as a result of the amendment submitted herewith is:

Claims cancelled: none

Claims amended: 1, 16, 20, 22 and 23

Claims added: 24 to 62

2. Explanation of/or support of new claims or amendments to claims:

Claims 1, 16, 20, 22 and 23 have also been amended by deleting the phrase "the steps of" or "the step of" which seems superfluous.

This is a broadened reissue in view of newly-presented claims 24-43. The broadening is directed to not reciting "depositing a photoresist layer over said plating seed layer" and "remaining portions of said photoresist layer" and "removing photoresist remaining in said at least one recess" contained in Patent Claim 1 and claims dependent therein or not reciting "providing a pad in said at least one recess for preventing removal of portions of said seed layer in said at least one recess" and "removing said pad" included in Patent Claim 22 and claims dependent thereon. Not requiring the above features is supported by the original patent. For instance, although these features relate to referred aspects of the invention in order to assure the preventing of dishing of the seed layer in the depression, they are not mandatory. In particular, the disclosure at column 6, lines 3-4 and 42-44 disclose the optional nature of these embodiments.

For instance, column 6, lines 3-4 state:

“After formation of the seed layer, a photoresist may be deposited over the seed layer.”

Column 6, lines 42-44 state:

“According to an alternative embodiment, photoresist may not be utilized. Since an embodiment may utilize a very hard pad to prevent dishing of the seed layer in the depression.”

The use of the term “may” with the above statements is a clear appreciation and recognition that the method is being practiced without employing these steps. This is further supported by column 6, line 53 that states

“After removal of the resist, if necessary . . .”

Newly presented claims 44-62 generally correspond to claim 2-12 and 14-21, respectively except that they ultimately depend upon claim 22 rather than ultimately from Claim 1. Claim 54 further differs from Claim 12 in not reciting the “photoresist layer.”

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Respectfully submitted,

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OFFER TO SURRENDER ORIGINAL PATENT GRANT


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Dear Sir:

Reissue Applicants hereby offer to surrender the original Letters Patent for U.S.
Patent No. 6,297,140 B1 upon the allowance of this Reissue application.

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**REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OF DRAWINGS FROM ORIGINAL
PATENT TO REISSUE APPLICATION**

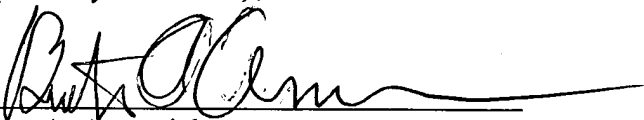
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Dear Sir:

Please transfer the drawings from original patent, 6,297,140, filed on September 3, 1999, for the invention entitled "Method to Plate C4 to Copper Stud" to the reissue application, the specification of which is attached hereto.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT NO. : 6,297,140 B1
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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 2,

Line 48, delete "is" (second occurrence).

Column 5,

Line 38, after "may" insert -- be --.

Column 6,

Line 3, after "may" insert -- be --.

Line 24, delete "the" (first occurrence).

Line 65, after "continued" insert -- until --.

Signed and Sealed this

Twenty-fifth Day of June, 2002

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